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Peter L. Rosenblatt, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, kindly enter the following amendment. A version with markings to show changes made is provided at the end of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21, with the following paragraph:

--A number of surgical procedures are well-known in the arts for affixing tissues to each other, thereby repairing their abnormal pathophysiologies. As an example, tissues that have